

MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

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COUNTY ATTORNEY DONNIE MCDONALD

JEAN MCLEAN,
MICKEY ROGERS,
DR. CAROLYN PRINCE,
STEVE BLACKMON, AND * JEFF QUICK,
CORRIE H. PLATO,
KEN ALLEN,
ANTHONY WOODS

Mr. Bob Eskridge, Building Codes Enforcement Officer addressed Council. Mr. Eskridge advised the reason for amending the Manufactured Home Ordinance was to bring our Ordinance in line with HUD standards and to incorporate the new State Mandate into our

ordinance. Mr. Eskridge stated that he is focusing on habitability standards and allowing people to live in a decent home. He believes the proposed ordinance is a good ordinance and solves some of the problems Marlboro County has been experiencing.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 628 – An Ordinance to repeal the manufactured home regulations and licensing ordinances in Marlboro County and adopting a replacement manufactured home ordinance to regulate and license manufactured homes in Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE FINANCING OF MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY OF MARLBORO COUNTY BY AND BETWEEN THE LIBRARY FINANCE COMMITTEE AND FIRST CITIZENS BANK.

Representative Douglas Jennings addressed County Council. He reiterated the Library Finance Committee's commitment to securing the additional funds for the library other than the \$500,000.00 pledged by Marlboro County. Representative Jennings stated that he believed setting up an entity to borrow funds as a Non-profit organization is a viable option. He stated that he has only spoken with one bank to-date, Mr. Lon Lester, First Citizens Bank. Representative Jennings stated that First Citizens Bank is still committed. He also pledged \$1,000,000.00 in separate funds for an endowment for maintenance and upkeep of the library.

Representative Jennings said that the Non-Profit Organization had not been set up as yet, he requested Mr. Donnie McDonald, County Attorney's assistance in doing so. He stated it would take the cooperation of the three partners: Marlboro County, Northeastern Technical College, and the Non-Profit Organization to complete the project. Northeastern Technical College would have to transfer the property to the Non-Profit Organization to be used for the mortgage with the agreement it would be transferred back to Marlboro County after completion of the project.

Representative Jennings stated that he knew time is of the essence. He questioned the Four Million Dollar GOB recently passed by Council, could it be used to float the project? He was advised the bond was approved with specific allocations which included the County's \$500,000 commitment. Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator, advised Council had also approved up to an additional \$500,000 which would have to be reimbursed back through the grants. Representative Jennings stated that Council had raised very legitimate points during the previous meeting, they must be careful and conservative and collect the dollars.

Representative Jennings said that several parties were still interested in making more donations after the project moved forward. He stated that Mr. William Fleming stated that Marlboro Electric wants to contribute more. Also, AT&T advised the Finance Committee to reapply for the \$50,000 next year – could not use it this year, it was only for brick and mortar. Mr. Harry Easterling had spoken with Mr. Hugh McColl and Blue Cross Blue Shield and may be able to get them to change their payment schedules to get funds sooner.

Representative Jennings advised he had also spoken with Senator Hugh Leatherman about the importance of getting the \$1,000,000 next year.

It was discussed the importance of the Library Finance Committee and Council Finance Committee meeting to go over various details. Representative Jennings advised he would try to set the meeting up for late one evening the following week and notify Council.

ITEM ADDED TO AGENDA

ORDINANCE # 631 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REQUEST OF VICTORY CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOR AN EASEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING A FORCE MAIN LINE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE – SECOND READING

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Ms. Mickey Rogers to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 631 – An Ordinance approving the request of Victory Christian Church for an easement for the purpose of installing a force main line for the disposal of sewage. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

PRESENTATION BY WASTE MANAGEMENT

Mr. Greg Peverall addressed Marlboro County Council on behalf of Waste Management. He showed a power point presentation for a proposal of a Regional Municipal Solid Waste Landfill for Marlboro County. In the proposal Waste Management advised they would provide an agreement that would give Marlboro County control over the facility. Mr. Peverall stated some of the key benefits to Marlboro County would be a twenty/thirty year commitment from them to host, no charge to County Residents, Additional revenues, and it would be environmentally safe. They would receive only Non-hazardous materials, not radioactive. Materials accepted would be: Organic Waste, Paper, Plastic, Glass and metals. Mr. Peverall advised Waste Management would have at least a ten million dollar investment before putting the first bag for disposal in the ground.

Mr. Peverall said he was before Council to ask for the opportunity to provide service to Marlboro County. He said it would take a time line of five years to develop the landfill. He said Waste Management wants Council to have a choice of who to provide the Letter of Consistency to, must be consistent to the Marlboro County Solid Waste Plan. It would be needed from Council in order to proceed. Waste Management would need at least four hundred acres, but would like to obtain at least twelve hundred. He thanked Council for their time.

DISCUSSION OF MARLBORO WATER COMPANY GRANT

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised the match of funds (\$4,507.20) would be provided by Marlboro Water Company.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the Marlboro Water Company Grant with the water company paying the match of funds. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion: carried.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN’S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Ms. Faye Quick – addressed Council on behalf of Citizens present from the Wallace area concerning the proposed Landfills. She questioned whether Council had heard of the “Love Canal” in New York. She stated the Citizens of Wallace did not want a landfill in their backyard. She stated they already have chicken houses, hog houses and prisons. They are in favor of anything to build up the County, but, they **do not want** (emphasized) a landfill.

Councilman Allen did advise the Citizens that Mr. Peverall was not affiliated with the previous organization which had approached Council at the August 9th meeting.

Mr. Bobby Cook – addressed Council with his concerns about trash and overgrown ditches. He advised he lived on Pineview Road and several of his neighbors did not have trash cans – they were burning their trash. He advised he has contacted the State and advised they could not do anything with the ditches. He requested assistance. He was advised Mr. Wallace would check out the ditches and the Environmental Control Officer would investigate the trash problem.

Ms. Betty Smith – addressed Council with her opposition to the proposed Landfills. She advised she had read the August 13th Marlboro Herald and drawn her on conclusions concerning the Solid Waste Landfill. Ms. Smith stated the proposed site would be only a short walk from her home. She was fearful of the problems it would cause including the stench of trash, and property values going down. Ms. Smith stated this Landfill would accept anything from anywhere – it would be a dumping ground for anyone’s waste. In closing Ms. Smith stated that if the Landfill was such a good thing, every County in the State would be pounding on their door to get them. She said that our Children and Grandchildren will suffer the impact. Ms. Smith asked Council to reject their offer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONTRACTUAL AND LEGAL ISSUE REGARDING THE SANDHILLS LAND FILL.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to go into executive session to discuss a Contractual and legal issue regarding the Sandhills Land Fill. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to re-enter open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, Chair advised no decisions had been made, no votes had been taken.

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator requested permission from Council to offer Railworks \$34,947.06 for the money owed them to closeout the railroad project. He advised the EDA funds of \$400,000 owed to the County cannot be paid until the debt is paid.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to offer \$34,947.06 to Railworks to closeout the railroad project. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Kimrey advised the Jennings Brown House roof would have to be replaced. He showed pictures of the damaged roof to Council. General discussion was held. No decisions were made.

Mr. Kimrey advised the City Planning & Zoning is moving out of the County owned building on Marlboro Street. The Solicitor's Office has already seen the building and are interested in it for the Drug Court.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business was discussed.

**Approved & Adopted September 13, 2007
Susan E. Rivers, Clerk to Council**